

Claims

- [c1] 1.An article, comprising:
a machine readable medium which stores machine executable instructions, the instructions causing a computer to:
detect random information in a descriptor of an electronic communication; and
establish said electronic communication as being an undesired electronic communication based on said detect of said random information.
- [c2] 2.An article as in claim 1, wherein said random information includes a plurality of random characters.
- [c3] 3.An article as in claim 1, wherein said random information includes a plurality of random words.
- [c4] 4.An article as in claim 1, wherein said detect random information comprises detecting specified words which include additional random information associated therewith.
- [c5] 5.An article as in claim 2, wherein said detect random characters comprises comparing a content of said electronic communication to a dictionary of words, and establishing parts within said electronic communication that are not within said dictionary as being random characters.
- [c6] 6.An article as in claim 1, wherein said electronic communication is one of an e-mail or a web page.
- [c7] 7.An article as in claim 1, further comprising an instruction to filter said electronic communication based on said instructions to establish.
- [c8] 8.A method, comprising:
receiving an electronic communication;
detecting random information within a descriptor associated with said electronic communication; and
filtering said electronic communication, prior to reaching a user, responsive to said detecting.
- [c9] 9.A method as in claim 8, wherein said filtering comprises restricting said electronic communication from reaching said user, when said detecting detects said random

information within said electronic communication.

- [c10] 10.A method as in claim 9, wherein said random information includes random characters.
- [c11] 11.A method as in claim 10, wherein said random information includes random words, and said detecting comprises comparing said electronic communication with a dictionary of words, and establishing items which do not match any parts of said dictionary as being said random information.
- [c12] 12. A method as in claim 8, further comprising defining rules which determine which electronic communications should be filtered, and detecting said electronic communications based on said rules.
- [c13] 13.An article, comprising:
a machine readable medium which stores machine-executable instructions, the instructions causing a machine to:
process electronic communications according to rules which define characteristics of said electronic communications which will be filtered prior to reaching the user; and
establishing said electronic communication as being ones which will be filtered when content of electronic communication matches said filter content by a specified amount.
- [c14] 14.An article as in claim 13, wherein said instructions to establish include instructions to determine a random content within said electronic communication in addition to a content defined by said rules.
- [c15] 15.An article as in claim 13, wherein said establishing establishes the communication as one to be filtered win the content matches by 80–90% percent or more.
- [c16] 16.An article as in claim 14, wherein said random content is determined by comparing said content with a database.